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Kenneth Blodgett Surface Transportation Board Case Control Unit Washington, DC 20423

Federal Agency: Surface Transportation Board

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Re: Notification of the Surface Transportation Board's finding of "no historic properties affected" regarding the notice of exemption for the abandonment of 4.37 miles of railroad from Kindill Lead Mileposts 3.1 and 7.47 (DHPA #8392)

Dear Mr. Blodgett:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470f) and 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") has conducted an analysis of the materials dated August 13, 2010 and received on August 16, 2010 for the above indicated project in Cass & Wright townships, Sullivan County, Indiana.

We concur with the Surface Transportation Board's August 13, 2010 finding that there are no historic buildings, structures, districts, objects, or archaeological resources within the area of potential effects that will be affected by the above indicated project.

This identification is subject to the following condition:

• The project activities remain within areas disturbed by previous construction.

If any archaeological artifacts or human remains are uncovered during construction, demolition, or earthmoving activities, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29) requires that the discovery must be reported to the Department of Natural Resources within two (2) business days. In that event, please call (317) 232-1646. Be advised that adherence to Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29 does not obviate the need to adhere to applicable federal statutes and regulations.

If you have questions about archaeological issues please contact Cathy Draeger-Williams at (317) 234-3791 or cdraeger-williams@dnr.IN.gov. If you have questions about buildings or structures please contact Miriam Widenhofer at (317) 233-3883 or mwidenhofer@dnr.IN.gov.

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cc: John Rickoff, The Indiana Rail Road Company